

Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 04/27/2009

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Leo Collins, Ken Mason, John Paddock, and Greg Piecuch were present. Janet Goman arrived at 6:15 p.m. following the vote on agenda item # 2. Also in attendance were Selectman Bob Hensley, Gerry Toner, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Keith Distel, Venue Manager.

II. REVIEW AND POSSIBLY FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR APPROVAL A CONTRACT WITH RIDER PRODUCTIONS/THE REACH FOUNDATION FOR AN EARTH, WIND AND FIRE CONCERT.

The Board reviewed and discussed a draft license agreement to be entered into by the Town and by the REACH Foundation.

Mr. Mason moved to approve the License Agreement, with amendments, and to recommend that the Board of Selectman authorize the First Selectman to enter into the contract on behalf of the Town of Simsbury. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW AND POSSIBLY FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN A REQUEST THAT THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY, ACTING FOR RIDER PRODUCTIONS/THE REACH

FOUNDATION, APPLY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR A PERMIT TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE SCHEDULED EARTH, WIND AND FIRE CONCERT.

The PAC Board discussed the fact that the BOS and the Zoning Commission are charged with determining the issue of whether to permit the sale of alcohol on Town property. Mr. Piecuch stated that the question of whether or not beer, wine and/or hard alcohol should be sold at the venue was one of first impression. Given the great public interest in the issue, the Town's legislative body should be responsible for making this important policy determination, not the PAC Board. Accordingly, the request should be sent to the BOS for action as it sees fit.

Mr. Piecuch moved to transmit the following statement to the Board of Selectmen concerning this matter:

The Licensee has requested permission to sell alcohol at the Reach Foundation Concert. The PAC Board recognizes that a policy to permit alcohol sales at a concert on Town land is the purview of the Board of Selectmen in applying for a permit and of the Zoning Commission in granting a permit. Accordingly, we are forwarding the licensee's request to the Board of Selectmen for review.

Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE USE.

This matter was tabled.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paddock moved to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch
Vice-Chairman